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Sir:

PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office

Action mailed August 24, 2004. A fee of \$120.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge

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Respectfully submitted,

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